



Treatment & medication

Temozolomide

Other name: Temodal.

What is it and how does it work?

A medicine that inhibits cell division (cytostatic drug).

What does it look like and how is it given?

A capsule that is taken by mouth (oral).

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

- Nausea and vomiting
- Constipation

Long-term side effects (depending on the dose)

- Decrease in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets
- Fatigue

Special instructions

- Temozolomide must be taken one hour before a meal/tube feeding, or otherwise at least two hours after a meal/tube feeding.
- Your child should preferably swallow this medication whole (in one go), with water.

- If your child cannot take it whole, allow the capsule to soften in a glass/medicine cup with a little apple juice (30 mL) or apple sauce (30 grams) at room temperature. Administer everything.
- If your child has a feeding tube, dissolve the capsule(s) in a syringe with 30 mL apple juice at room temperature.
- Do not give a new dose if your child vomits after taking this medicine! Administer the regular dose the following day (i.e. do not catch up).
- In case you have forgotten to give the medicine, give it as soon as possible (if it is still the same day). If the day has already passed you must skip the dose (i.e. do not catch up).

Specifics

Give your child an anti-nausea tablet or solution, 15 minutes before taking this medicine.

This card lists the most common side effects and specifics of this medicine. If you want a complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.